



MEMORANDUM

TO: PROPERTY OWNER/TENANT

FROM: UNIFIED COMMAND: Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident

SUBJECT: Documentation Package for Residential Sampling and Cleanup resulting from the Fruitland Magnesium Fire

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

The Unified Command for the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident in Maywood, Los Angeles County, Calif., was formed to oversee and direct response operations and assessment of hazardous materials in response to the impacts of the fire that began on June 14, 2016, at the recycling facility located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue. The Unified Command is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD).

As part of the response efforts, residential properties along the north side of E 52nd Street between Everett Avenue and Maywood Avenue were assessed and cleaned up, as necessary. All of the residential properties on the north side of E 52nd Street were evacuated during the assessment and cleanup in order to ensure the safety of the residents and prevent contamination being spread into your homes. As part of this effort, you signed an Access Agreement allowing EPA and its contractors to conduct assessments of your property and your home, including sampling of soil from the yard(s) and air and dust inside the home, for the presence of fire ash and/or particulate metals released during the fire. Before homes were reoccupied, the Unified Command 1) reviewed the results of the sampling and assessments, 2) determined whether cleaning was necessary for the interior of your home and/or outdoor areas of the property, 3) conducted the appropriate cleanup activities, and 4) if the interior of the home had required cleaning, additional air and vacuum samples were collected inside the home to confirm the indoor cleaning activities had been successful. The sampling results were then reviewed and the Public Health Officer made the determination if it was safe for you to return to your home.

What Are My Results?

When you returned to your home, you were shown the data that was used to make the decision for your re-occupancy. That data has now undergone technical review and is being provided to you in this package. Please review the attached fact sheet which explains the various types of assessment and sampling that occurred in and around your home. The attached tables of results are for the sampling conducted inside and outside your home. If your home had an indoor cleaning, there are results for sampling conducted before and after cleanup. The screening levels for each contaminant of concern for the air and dust samples are found on the Health Officer Determination page. If you want to know more about the metals which were sampled and their potential health effects, summary information is also attached at the end of this package. Photographs of the sampling and outdoor cleanup are also

provided for your review.

What Happens Next?

The fire debris at the facility has been covered with soil sealant and filter fabric and to prevent ash and dust at the fire-damaged facility from spreading through ambient air as windblown dust. A fence with a geotextile barrier has been constructed around the perimeter of the fire-damaged facility, and the facility has been under 24-hour security surveillance since the fire. These protective measures will be in place until next steps at the facility are taken, either by the owner or agencies. Negotiations are currently underway with the facility owner, and agencies are evaluating the various programs which may be able to address this facility, or part of the facility, if the owner cannot properly clean up the property. When the cleanup begins at the burned facility, every effort will be made to ensure that dust and ash do not re-enter your neighborhood. You may notice the smell of burned material and other fire debris as cleanup work is ongoing.

The Unified Command and the supporting agencies involved in this response effort appreciate your patience and cooperation in this process.

For questions about the information in this data package or other questions about the cleanup, you can speak with EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, Carlin Hafiz, at 213.244.1814 or hafiz.carlin@epa.gov. (Spanish version contact for EPA- Para preguntas acerca de la limpieza de la instalacion en si, puede hablar con el Coordinador de Participacion Comunitaria de la EPA, Alejandro Diaz, al 415.972.3242 o diaz.alejandro@epa.gov). The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is also available and can be reached at 213.738.3220